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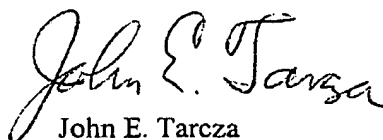
The requirement for restriction is based on the assumption that invention of Group I is a combination and that the invention of Group II are a subcombination. The examiner argues that the combination does not require the particulars of the subcombination. However, only claims 40, 44 and 45 actually recites the subcombination of a single fiber. This argument is inappropriate with respect to at least claims 1-9 and 46-50, which recite a combination of at least two (or a plurality) fibers. To facilitate efficient patent prosecution, claims 40, 44 and 45 have been canceled without prejudice to refiling the claim in a continuation, divisional or related application.

Furthermore, the examples given by the examiner for why the combination does not require the particulars of the subcombination pertains only to the single fiber of claims 40, 44 and 45 (now canceled). The examples and reasons do not apply to claims 46-50 which the restriction requirement alleged to be a subcombination.

Accordingly, even the basis for the Restriction Requirement given by the examiner is not supported with the present claims. Newly added claims 51-54 all pertain to the combination and should likewise be considered presently. In light of the comments above, reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully traversed.

The commissioner hereby is authorized to charge payment of any fees under 37 CFR § 1.17, which may become due in connection with the instant application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.500933.

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